(c) The oil companies have taken the following steps to check short delivery in retail outlets:—

(i) A Standard 5 litre measure duly calibrated/stamped by Weights & Measures Deptt. is available at all the Retail Outlets for checking the delivery of correct quantity by the dealer.

(ii) The customer visiting the petrol pump can also check the delivery if he so desires.

(iii) During the inspection/joint inspection by the oil industry teams, the delivery of the dispensing unit is also checked.

(iv) In case of shrot delivery, the seals of the dispensing units are checked. If the seals are intact but the deliveries are below tolerance limits, sales and supplies are stopped immediately and subsequently resumed only after re-calibration is carried out by the Weights & Measures Deptt. to ensure that correct quantity is delivered to the customer.

Action such as issue of warning, suspension of sales and supplies, imposition of fines and even termination of the dealership/distributorship, is taken in proven cases of malpractices/irregularities.

Cooking Gas Distribution through Pipeline

2552. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan under which the cooking gas will be distributed through pipelines in the Capital;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the cost of the plan alongwith the target fixed for the completion thereof; and

(d) the budgetary provision made during the current financial year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A pilot project to supply gas to the domestic sector was taken up by GAIL to 12,000 houses in Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar and Pandara Park areas of New Delhi. To extend the coverage to other parts of city, the Government has approved the formation of a Joint Venture Company (JVC) consisting of GAIL and BPCL having a total 50% equity and the balance to be offered to financial institutions, public etc. The JVC would be taking up the project for distribution of piped gas in Delhi city at an estimated cost of Rs. 537 crores to cover 2,31,000 domestic consumers, commercial consumers and 20,000 vehicles in the National Capital Region of Delhi. The period for completion of the project is 6 years from the date of the formation of the JV Company.

(d) No budget provision from the Government is required towards this Project. GAIL and BPCL will be contributing from their own resources.

LPG Distributorship in Kerala

2553. SHRI . CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the Small Towns in Kerala having a population of 10,000 and above which are proposed to engage distributors for LPG;

(b) out of these, how many distributors for LPG have already been engaged; and

(c) whether Government ould consider to engaged the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation also for distribution